

The First Baptist Connection

March 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

Daylight Savings - March 8

Don't be late for church! Set your clocks ahead one hour next week!!!

FBC sermons are available online! Visit our website @ fcbloom.org, and click on "Featured Media." Sermon recordings are listed there by date, title, and Scripture text

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Birthdays

1 st Miriam Rollison	14 th Taylor Rollison
Charlie Stahl	Melodie Miller
2 nd Cole Riggins	Ava Manuel
5 th Shelbi Henry	18 th Andrew Templeton
6 th Carla Porter	Aiden Malone
9 th Ryne Campbell	26 th Doug Frye
10 th Warren Bartlett	28 th Scott Clark
11 th Brennan Hughes	31 st Joan Vaughn
12 th Christine Buccola	

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Steve Buccola
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan

Lyons Health & Living Center

Roberta Neill

Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

Missionaries

American Baptists around the world

Anniversaries

6 th Alan & Tammy Kirkman
20 th Tony & Lori Resler
21 st Rob & Cindy Allgood
24 th Rex & Lois Kirchoff

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to date as of January 2015

Actual Receipts: \$16,421.76

Actual Expenses: \$17,329.51

Join us for:

**The
Jesus
Tour**

2nd Fridays

@ Bloomfield First Baptist

(500 Lincoln Drive)

March 13—*An Easter Celebration!*

TOUR BEGINS @ 6:30 PM! Pick up @ 8:30 PM!

Children ages 3- 6th Grade welcome!

(3 years olds must have an adult stay with them.)

**Come for dinner and then participate in our fun
Easter activities! We'll listen to an Easter story
and have lots of fun!**



Youth Happenings!

FRUITFUL LIVES ADORING THE MERCIFUL EVERLASTING SAVIOR
"HIS WORD IS IN MY HEART LIKE A FIRE." JEREMIAH 20:9

Winter Jam – March 20

We will meet at the church at 5pm for a trip to Indy to hear Skillet, Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, Building 429, Family Force 5, Newsong, About a Mile, Blanca, Veridia, and Speakers Tony Nolan and Sadie Robertson. Bring \$10 cash to pay at the door.

News & Activities

America for Christ Offering – March 2015

The America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2015 theme – “Discipleship: A Journey of Grace” Titus 2:11-13, serves to remind our American Baptist Family that mission and ministry are rooted in service that manifests and extends the grace of God. According to Executive Director, Dr. Aidsand F Wright-Riggins III, since 1832 American Baptist Mission Societies has preached the Gospel in word and deed and has ministered to and with persons on the margins of society.

Get involved and be part of the “Journey of Grace” that reflects God’s redemptive story, and continues to transform lives and communities. Pray about how our church family can make a difference by supporting this special offering. The (AFC) Offering will be received in the month of March. Look for the offering envelopes in the pews.

Mission Trip Opportunity – July 18-25

An American Baptist Church in Ft. Wayne is hosting a Mission Serve week July 18-25th.

<http://mission-serve.com/mission-serve/2015-projects/fort-wayne-in>

Do you want to try a mission trip? We would arrive Saturday night, February 18, attend church at Faith Baptist Church Sunday morning, work on projects with others for the week, and return home around noon on the Friday, February 25. Each church group is housed in their own room (one for girls, one for guys) with shower trailers on site. Breakfast and Dinner is provided at Faith Baptist Church each day, and Lunch is provided by other area churches at the work sites. Work will include roofing, siding, drywall, painting, and building handicap ramps for low income families in Ft. Wayne. The cost is \$260 per person. If any adult wants to be a construction leader, they would be in charge of a work site. They will receive all the details in a packet describing the job and the tools needed, and their week is free. Students going into 7th grade and all ages above that are invited. Worship is provided each night and we'll get to know others working on the project. (Everyone receives a t-shirt, CD of photos from the week, group photo, and tool belt!) Mission Serve starts taking deposits Feb. 1 (\$50 each) to reserve one of the 100 spots for this week. Interested? Please speak with a Deacon if you would like to sign up.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

Please continue to pray for Ms. Shirley as she recovers from her surgery and speaking of Ms. Shirley we will be having our annual Flower fundraiser soon. More information will be given soon.

We are eagerly waiting for spring to watch the many blessings God gives us. We are excited to go exploring; watch for birds; hunt for leaves, flowers and, yes, even bugs!

We are continuing to learn about Jesus by praying, reading Bible Stories, praying the Lord's Prayer, learning the Ten Commandments and the 23rd Psalm. The Children love learning and also teaching us about God's love.

Here are the answers from some of the Children when asked "What does Jesus mean to you?"

7 yr old Zachary - love, helping people, making our life be better, he helps us feel better if we are in a bad mood.

6 yr old Samauryion - He means he is our Heavenly Father; he does everything to help people.

8 yr old Taylor - Jesus is the Son of God. He watches over us and makes sure we pick the right path; he also protects us from dangerous stuff. Even though there is a fun path we still need to go on the boring path if it is the right one. He always loves us. He provides us with food and water.

5 yr old Ayden - Not to be bad. He helps you go to the right place. He makes everything. He helps you do the right stuff.

5 yr old Freya - Help people. He makes boo boos heal. Helping people be nice.

5 yr old Adam - Be nice, be quiet, make stuff, make phones, houses and plants.

4 yr old Angela - He loves us, and he likes us playing.

5 yr old Ben - He loves me and he helps me. Whenever there is a storm I ask him and he stops the noise. He loves all the animals and he makes exciting toys and he makes us a good life. He made us exactly like he wanted us to be and he made the pretty flowers, the pretty birds, and the pretty butterflies.

4 yr old Johni - He means to be nice to each other and be nice to him.

4 yr old Austin - He makes us. He makes our Dad and Mom and our Dad and Mom makes us. He made the snow and the snowmans. He made all kinds of stuff like lakes, sea turtles, and fishes but not sharks cause they are all stinged, they are all dead. He made Giraffes and lions and the zoos frogs and zebras.

5 yr old Ryan - He's nice and good.

4 yr old Emmi - He's the Lord. He wants me to be nice.

4 yr old Lily - because he loves me and I love him and he always bees nice to people. About God...he always bees with Jesus every time. God and Jesus always believe people. God and Jesus always bees nice to each other. They always bees nice to the people and the Country.

4 yr old Braylon - Does something nice and something beautiful.

What a blessing to be able to work with God's beautiful Children.

Tammy Kirkman,
Daycare Director

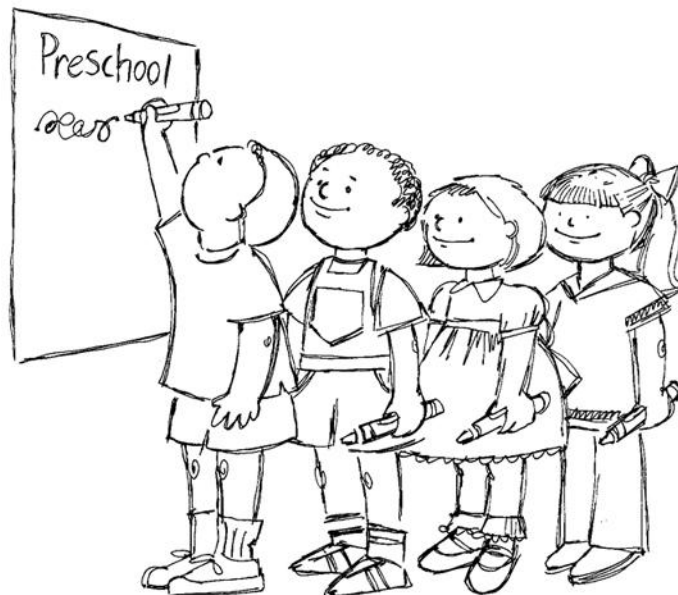
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PRESCHOOL NEWS

Since Preschool has returned from Christmas break, we have continued through the alphabet up to the letter S. We have continued with the numbers along with reviewing our colors and shapes. We are working on our end of the year assessments to be sent out in mid-March. At the end of January, we took class pictures as well as individual pictures for the parents to purchase along with the preschool to use in our end of the year program to create a power point for the families. We have been talking about the Love of God and teaching about how to show our love to our friends and families. We will be having a Valentines Party were we will have crafts, games, snacks, and we will share valentines with our friends.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year will be open on April 1. We will have forms available outside the preschool classroom. **Please fill out the form and return it with the enrollment fee ONLY** to the preschool classroom or in the drop box outside the preschool door. If you have any questions, feel free to call Leah Farmer or Katie Mullis at 384-0400 ext 28.



A Note from Pastor Nathan

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV '84)

Having a new baby daughter makes a person think about love. Specifically, I have been thinking about the verses above, and the Lord has been showing me just how much of a work in progress love still is in me.

Consider this: love is patient. I like to think of myself as a patient person. Babies do difficult and frustrating things, most of which are repeated or long-lasting. These incidents provide reminders of my lack of patience.

Or consider: love is not self-seeking. When my own eating or sleeping gets interrupted by something Tiffany wants or needs, I find myself feeling frustrated or sorry for myself. Love may not be self-seeking but something in me still is!

Those of you who have been parents longer than Liz and I have may smile at how much we do not know and have not yet experienced. But you don't have to be a parent to see that we all have room to grow in love.

I offer a few thoughts. First, it is normal to be in-process. God is carrying onto completion the work He started in us (Phil. 1:6). Jesus has made perfect forever those who *are being* made holy (Heb. 10:14). We press on (Phil. 3:12) as we are being transformed into Christ-likeness with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor. 3:18). The Lord's patience means salvation (2 Pet. 3:15). Therefore we do not need to be defeated and deflated about the imperfections of our love. The Lord has great grace for us as we continue to grow.

Second, this matter of love is not something we improve in by trying harder. I don't become less impatient by trying to be patient. I don't become less self-seeking by trying to be more unselfish. Rather, I have to deal honestly with the things that are hindering my patience, or with the selfish desires that are hindering my love. I have to surrender these things to the Lord: "Lord I confess that I am hungry! I am sleepy! Help me to be patient." "Lord I had that other project I wanted to get done and now I can't. Help me to let it go!" We have to continually pray these prayers of surrender if we are going to grow as people of love.

This relates to a third point: God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us (Rom. 5:5). We are, at best, extensions or channels of God's love. When I encounter situations in which love isn't exactly flowing out from me, the question is, why? What in me is hindering the expression of the love of Christ?

And then there is the issue of gratitude. I mentioned above the self-pity that comes welling up when my desires are interfered with or delayed. That self-pity is in ignorance of the abundant blessing of God! I have a healthy baby daughter and a beautiful wife. I work at a wonderful church and have a great house. I have clothing and transportation and family and friends. And above all, while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for me!

Therefore there is somewhat of a cycle of growing in love. I name the love of God and give thanks. I pray that His love would flow through me. I pray that He would examine my heart and show me what is hindering that love from flowing through me. I confess and surrender those idols as they arise. And the love flows again.

We are reading in Galatians that *the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love*. So, Holy Spirit, help us as a church family and as individual Christians to be free and full in our expressions of love.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 Trustees	4	5 6:30 Church Council	6	7 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Holy Name 9:00 Hoops 4 Him
8 Daylight Savings 	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ 1 st Christian 4:30 Campbell/Graf Wedding
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Mansions in Heaven
22	23	24	25	26 6:30 Deacons	27	28 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Mineral UMC
29 6:30 Songfest @ FBC	30	31				

Deacon of the Month <i>Randy Flanagin</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Bert Terrell</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Debra Hudson</i>	Greeters <i>John & Robin Lamson</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	Campfire - Sanctuary & FH
Mondays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Faithful Workouts - CLC
Tuesdays:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH
	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group
Wednesdays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
Thursdays:	6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen
	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) - FH

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